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FOR: FRANK BARNDT, IRS

1. PLEASE PROPOSE TO MR. DONNADIEU OR MR. KERLAN THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CHANGES IN FRENCH LANGUAGE TEXT OF PROPOSED ESTATE AND GIFT TAX TREATY AND IN NOTE TO ACCOMPANY PROTOCOL TO INCOME TAX TREATY. PLEASE INQUIRE WHEN THEY EXPECT FINAL FRENCH TEXT TO BE READY FOR SIGNATURE. WE ARE RECEIVING FREQUENT INQUIRIES AND WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIKE TO SCHEDULE SIGNING ASAP.

2. PROPOSED CHANGES IN FRENCH TEXT OF ESTATE AND GIFT TAX TREATY.

A. IN ARTICLE 1, PARAGRAPH 1, LINE 4, CHANGE "DE LEUR DOMICILE..." TO "TO "DU DOMICILE DE CES PERSONNES..." TO BETTER CONFORM TO ENGLISH TEXT.

B. IN ARTICLE 1, PARAGRAPH 2, LINES 4 AND 5, CHANGE "LES EFFECTUENT" TO "SONT EFFECTUEES" AND CHANGE "DE LEUR DOMICILE" TO "DU DOMICILE DE CES PERSONNES".

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- C. IN ARTICLE 2 (1) (B) CHANGE "DROITS" TO "IMPOTS". THE TITLE OF THE CONVENTION REFERS TO "IMPOTS" AND ARTICLE 3 (1) (E) DEFINES "IMPOT" IN TERMS OF THE "IMPOTS" MENTIONED IN ARTICLE 2.
- 3. THE SIGNATURE BLOCK ON THE COVER PAGE OF THE PROTOCOL SHOULD BE DELETED IN THE FINAL VERSION AS IT WILL BE SIGNED ON THE LAST PAGE.
- 4. PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES ACCOMPANYING THE PROTOCOL: ON PAGE 2, POINT 2, THE SECOND PARAGRAPH WOULD BE REVISED TO READ:

"IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT CONSENTED TO ANY LIMITATION ON THE TAXING JURISDICTION OF THE STATES BY TREATY, AND THAT A PROVISION WHICH WOULD HAVE RESTRICTED THE USE OF UNITARY APPORTIONMENT IN THE CASE OF A U KINGDOM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CORPORATION NOT CONTROLLED BY U.S. SHAREHOLDERS AND ITS U.S. SUBSIDIARIES WAS RECENTLY RESERVED ON BY THE SENATE. THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AS IT AFFECTS FRENCH MULTINATIONALS. IF AN ACCEPTABLE PROVISION ON THIS SUBJECT CAN BE DEVISED, THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO REOPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH FRANCE ON THIS MATTER.

5. WE WOULD LIKE TO TRANSMIT TEXTS TO THE SENATE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AFTER ITS LATE AUGUST RECESS. TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY STEPS IN TIME, SIGNING SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE MID-AUGUST. PLEASE ASK MR. DONNADIEU IF THAT TIMING SEEMS FEASIBLE ON THEIR SIDE. VANCE

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